GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PUNJAB FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BORDER TOWNS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Punjab has requested the Union Government to grant Central assistance for the development of some border towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when Central assistance is likely to be provided?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.The Chief Minister of Punjab has requested for sanction of funds to the tune of Rs.92.86 crore to take up water supply and sewerage projects in the following border towns of Punjab under the Border Area Development Programme (BADP):

Name of the town Estimated project cost (Rs. in crore)

Water supply Sewerage Total

Ramdass 0.66 2.40 3.06

Ajnala 1.53 4.83 6.36

Khemkaran 0.81 5.29 6.10

Fazilka 1.77 3.18 4.95

Ferozepur city and Ferozepur Cantt. 9.23 26.91 36.14

(with army authorities)

Guruharsahai 0.22 2.43 2.65

Jalalabad 0.72 6.03 6.75

Dera Baba Nanak	1.22	7.10	8.32
Dina Nagar	0.95	4.22	5.17
Gurdaspur	5.07	8.29	13.36
Total	22.18	70.68	92.86

(c): The Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is a 100% centrally funded programme, implemented in 362 identified border blocks of 17 States which include Punjab also.The budgetary allocation under the BADP, as fixed by the Planning Commission, is proportionately allocated to the border States.An amount of Rs. 635 crore has been allocated in the budget of 2008-09 under the BADP.The share of Punjab under BADP, as per the criterion in vogue, would come to approximately Rs. 20 crore and the extent of funds required for implementing the proposal can not be met from the normal allocation under BADP.